

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6-12, 15 and 18-23 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 7, 11, 15 and 18-20 are amended. These amendments are supported by Applicant's specification at least at, page 37, line 16 - page 38, line 12 and fig. 19. Claims 22 and 23 are added. No new matter is added. Claims 5, 13 and 16 are canceled without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter that each of these claims recites. Reconsideration of the application based on the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Office Action objects to claim 20. Claim 20 is amended to obviate this objection. Withdrawal of the objection to claim 20 is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 3, 5-8, 10 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by "Virtual Storytelling of Cooperative activities in a Theatre of Work" by Schafer et al. (hereinafter "Schafer"); and rejects claims 2, 4, 9, 11-13, 15-16, 18 and 20-21 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Schafer. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 1 and 19 recite, among other features, a distance, on the display device, between any pair of symbols displayed that represent a respective pair of objects conducting saved activity events, corresponds to a degree of relation between the pair of objects. Claims 2, 11, 15, 18 and 20 recite, among other features, a distance, on the display device, between any pair of symbols displayed that represent a respective pair of objects which conduct activity events, corresponds to a degree of relation between the pair of objects.

Schafer teaches producing snapshots and movie clips, the movie clips being linear sequences that can be watched on a variety of devices and offer the ability to stop, pause and replay the story (see, e.g., page 197, last three lines - page 198, first three lines). Applicant respectfully asserts that Schafer does not teach, nor would Schafer have suggested a distance

between symbols on the screen representing a degree of relationship between any objects because Schafer merely teaches replaying events that took place. Thus, objects of Schafer may be close or distance from one another on the screen but this distance will give no indication of a degree of relationship between those objects.

Claim 21 recites, among other features, displaying symbols representing a plurality of the saved activity events of one object in a time series manner simultaneously. Schafer teaches at, *e.g.*, page 197, section 3.2 second paragraph, a set of snapshots from key events recorded by the camera in the virtual world will be placed in linear sequence to form a photo-story, much like images in a photo album. Applicant respectfully asserts that Schafer would not have suggested these images displayed simultaneously.

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully asserts that Schafer cannot reasonably be considered to teach, or to have suggested, the combinations of all of the features positively recited in claims 1, 2, 11, 15, 18-20 and 21. Further, Schafer cannot reasonably be considered to teach, or to have suggested, the combinations of all of the features recited in claims 3, 4, 6-10 and 12 for at least the dependence of these claims on allowable base claims, as well as for the separately patentable subject matter that each of these claims recites.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 3, 6-8, 10 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by Schafer and the rejection of claims 2, 4, 9, 11, 12, 15, 18, 20 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schafer are respectfully requested.

Added claims 22 and 23 are allowable at least for their respective dependence directly or indirectly on an allowable base claim, as well as for the separately patentable subject matter that each of these claims recites.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-4, 6-12, 15 and 18-23 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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